

Bard Hall,

30 December 1945.

Aura E. Sevringhaus,

Associate Dean, College of Physicians & Surgeons,

Dear Sir:

I should be very much obliged to you if you would transmit this petition to the Third Year Faculty.

'It is requested that in lieu of elective work in the first quarter of the Third Year, beginning March 1946, I be permitted to accept a fellowship enabling me to do research on the genetics and nutrition of bacteria (*Escherichia coli*) with Prof. E.L. Tatum at Yale University. My application for a fellowship with the Childs Memorial Fund is under consideration by the Board of Managers at the present time. The fellowship is to extend until the resumption of the Third Year work in Sept. 1946. Dr. R.G. Meader, Asst. Director of the Childs Fund, is prepared to explain the status of this application.'

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg.